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Celebrating our local art galleries

BY ALEXANDER WILBURN

It's amazing that in areas as rural as Litchfield County, Dutchess County, and Berkshire County nearly every town has a contemporary art gallery — some even have two... or five! These galleries offer a lot more than expensive investments. For many, they are a chance for continuous exposure to new art, completely free of charge. There's no admittance fee, or pressure to buy — any spring or summer weekend there will be a new art opening that the public is automatically invited to, often with the artist in attendance. This cultural gift, to see new art, to meet, befriend, or even help support working artists on many different career levels, is made possible by the enthusiastic proprietors of our local galleries, who work tirelessly to find new, exciting, and even at times challenging art to enrich the cultural landscape of our rural communities.

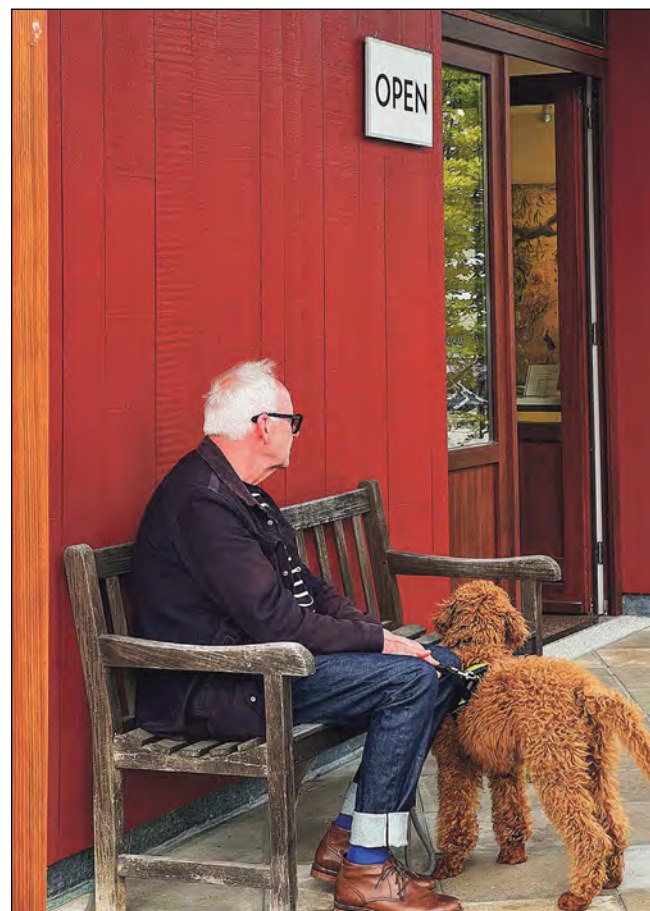


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The Wassaic Project

BY ALEXANDER WILBURN

The Wassaic Project in Amenia’s hamlet of Wassaic is an artist-run nonprofit education center, artist residency program, and a large contemporary gallery housed in Maxon Mills, a renovated seven-floor grain elevator. Led by a trio of co-directors, Eve Biddle, Bowie Zunino, and Jeff Barnett-Winsby, The Wassaic Project has helped bring new life to this small hamlet, previously best known for its MetroNorth railway station. Wassaic is no longer a train stop but a destination all its own.

Young artists come to The Wassaic Project and become residents, using studio space in Maxon Mills and Luther Barn, participate in studio tours, are connected with a community of artists and collectors, and exhibit at the large exhibition shows. These massive exhibitions, where an artist can even take up the entirety of one of the seven floors in Maxon Mills, as Daniele Klebes did in the summer of 2023, offer not only an opportunity to emerging artists’ careers

but also deliver new and diverse art to the region, reestablishing what public art can be in a rural area.

The 2024 Summer Exhibition is now on view at The Wassaic Project with work by 30 different artists across Maxon Mills’s seven floors. This year, perhaps after the success of Klebes’s installation floor, there will be a greater emphasis on large-scale work and installation art. As The Wassaic Project described: “These include an interactive outdoor site for rest and exchange of plant knowledge by Tiffany Smith, a thirty-language broadcast of the US national anthem by Daniel Shieh, a mountain range made from maps of the US and Argentina by Luciana Abait, a narrative wheel about psychic children in Vietnam by Petra Szilagyi, and, on the top floor, an alternate version of Wassaic in miniature from Cate Pasquarelli’s Museum of Embellished History.”

Artists featured in the summer exhibition, which will be on view every weekend through Saturday,



The Wassaic Project

“The Beach Day” by Scott Walker.

Sept. 14, will be Luciana Abait, Jamal Ademola, Sungho Bae, Anthony Bowers, Phoenix Brown, Rachelle Bussieres, Alison Chen, Kate Conlon, Robin

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Daniel Shieh is notable as one of the June summer artists in residency at The Wassaic

Project. Born in Taiwan, he's been featured in Hypebest, a popular online publication for contemporary men's streetwear and culture, and was recently featured in Bronx Calling: The Sixth AIM Biennial, an exhibition showcasing the work of 53 artists who completed The Bronx Museum's annual Artist in the Marketplace Fellowship.

To learn more about The Wassaic Project go to www.wassaicproject.org



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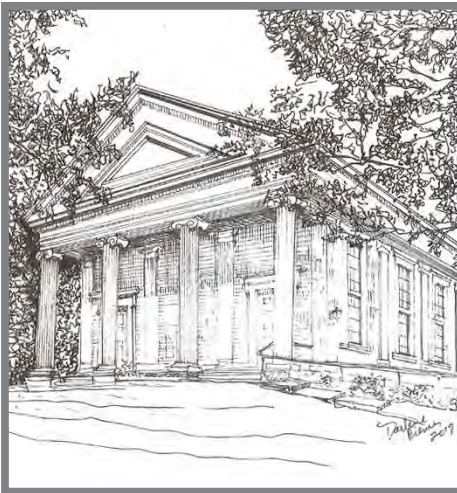
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Geary Contemporary

BY ALEXANDER WILBURN

Geary Contemporary in the new kid on the block in the Dutchess County art world with a prime spot on Millerton's Main Street. Founded by New Yorkers Jack Geary and Dolly Bross Geary, the two met while studying at Harvard University, and had been the owners of Geary Contemporary in in the Hudson Square district of Lower Manhattan in New York City. Now with a new home in Millerton, the pair look to represent mid-career artists who often employ mixed materials to craft wholly original designs. This past spring, Will Hutnick, a resident of Sharon and director of artistic programming at The Wassaic Project in Amenia, showcased his exhibition titled "Satellite," a group of vibrant acrylic on canvas abstracts, ranging from medium to large scale, infused with a dynamic blend of wax pastel, sand, and colored pencil. These artworks redefined texture,

creating a topographical landscape that beckons exploration. In 2023, a group show titled "Who's To Say I Am Awake; Are You?" was a featured stop for Upstate Art Weekend, an annual summer event that connects over 130 participating galleries, museums, and art centers across New York State, from the Hudson Valley and beyond. The group show featured a particularly unique piece rare to the area — a fully realized painting on Greek ceramic urn by New York City-based artist Paul Anagnostopoulos titled, "Follow You Until The Sun." The Lakeville Journal described the piece as strikingly blending "the homoerotic heroism of Mary Renault's novels of Ancient Greece with the Abercrombie & Fitch-era photography of Bruce Weber and the colors of a Day-Glo disco sunset on a Donna Summer vinyl." Currently on the view



Photo by Alexander Wilburn

Panels from the "Migration Collage" series by ransome.

is a solo exhibition by the artist known singularly as ransome — style in all lower case letters — titled "The Bitter and the Sweet." Hailing from the vibrant artistic hub of Rhinebeck, N.Y., the artist ransome's Geary show delves deep into the tumultuous past, particularly focusing on The Great Migration era. This pivotal period witnessed the harrowing effects of Jim Crow laws, racial segregation, and the brutal specter of lynching. Against this backdrop, over six million Black Americans sought refuge in the bustling northern cities, notably the urban landscapes of New York, Brooklyn, and Baltimore.

For more on Geary Contemporary go to www.geary.nyc

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Art in the Loft

BY ALEXANDER WILBURN

Art and wine, what could be a more natural pairing? Millbrook Vineyards & Winery, which prides itself on being called “the Hudson Valley’s flagship winery” by The New York Times, takes the pairing one step further. Located on Wing Road, not far from Fitch’s Corner, the winery paired with Arts Mid-Hudson, a private community arts nonprofit founded in 1964, to create Art in The Loft, a seasonal exhibition series that supports area artists in The Hudson Valley. Open every day to the public from May through November, Art in The Loft gives vineyard visitors a chance to explore collections of works by local painters while still enjoying the tastings and wine flights that Millbrook Winery has to offer.

Art in the Loft will officially open for the 2024 season on Saturday, May 25, celebrating its 24th year as a regional art-going experience.

But these works aren’t just for casually browsing — each painting, carefully selected each year by a juried committee that sifts through submissions, is also up for a special prize at the end of the year’s season in November. Millbrook Vineyard visitors are invited to vote for their favorite work in the juried exhibition and the winning painting is turned in a beautiful label for a new wine bottle.

Last year’s label-winning painting was by Linda Lavin of Rhinebeck for “Starry Night,” a print on giclee canvas with combined lush purples, pinks, and oranges for a twilight sunset that faded behind a curving scenic depiction of shadowed mountains. As Judith O’Hara Balfe wrote for The Millerton News: “[Lavin] is an occupational therapist who has been painting for about 10 years, and is inspired by color. Not always certain about what her subject will



Photo by Judith O’Hara Balfe

2023 Art in the Loft first-place winner Linda Lavin with her painting “Starry Night.”

be, she is inspired by color, and shape, and said her work is an appropriation — it has been a real process. Her work received 759 votes.”

To learn more about Art in the Loft and Millbrook Vineyard and Winery go to www.millbrookwine.com.

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Demeter Home

BY ALEXANDER WILBURN

Demeter Home, the home goods store on Pine Plains' Church Street, specializes in adding touches of luxury to the home, all curated by founder Alex Athanasiadis. Paying homage to Demeter, the Ancient Greek goddess of the harvest and grain, the store's name is a nod to Athanasiadis's heritage. But shoppers shouldn't expect painted vases and marble figurines — Demeter Home stays well within the style of the area, with Votivo candles, Sferra bath towels, and plenty of art, including the fine art photography of Sarah Blodgett. It turns out, as Blodgett revealed, Demeter Home holds a deeper connection for her.

"So the story is, Demeter Home in Pine Plains resides in the space where I had my first photo studio and frame shop. I have many happy memories of the space where I first started. Alex, the owner, called me one day and asked if I'd be interested in hanging my work there, and, of course, I happily obliged. He and his husband Robert are wonderful, fun, people with a great eye and beautiful taste."

Published in glossy

magazines like *Country Living Gardener*, *Berkshire Home & Style*, and *Martha Stewart Living*, Blodgett is best known for her naturalist style and candid yet painterly depictions of wildlife. She also has her own gallery in Salisbury on Salmon Kill Road called *The Bird House*, which also doubles as her current studio space, as well as an office for handling commissioned work.

Demeter Home's collection of Blodgett works includes her fox studies — empathetic close-ups of small kits in the woods in black and white. Particularly known for her birds (Demeter also has her studies of an owl and a heron), Blodgett's talent is in her wilderness snapshots that feel like they could be posed portraits. She also shows work at *Abode Home Goods* in Millerton on Main Street and *Joie Maison*, *Christine Tellalian's* curated home store in Salisbury known for its fine stemware and decorative tablescape items.

To learn more about Demeter Home and see Sarah Blodgett's photography in Pine Plains go to www.demeter-home.com




Photos courtesy of Sarah Blodgett

Above, Demeter Home owner Alex Athanasiadis, below, photographer Sarah Blodgett.

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Furnace - Art on Paper Archive

BY ALEXANDER WILBURN

If you're looking to dial it back from heavy canvases, sculptures on pedestals, or conceptual installation art, look no further than Furnace - Art on Paper Archive, a gallery specializing in... well, it's all in the name, isn't it? Founded during the pandemic by former New York City gallerist Kathleen Kucka, an abstract painter in her own right with a studio in Salisbury, Furnace is located in a prime spot in Falls Village's newly developed downtown district, right next to Falls Village Cafe and across the street from Bunny Williams's 100 Main interior decor shop.

Kucka's own work is often large-scale abstracts that blend patterns of geometric perfection with idiosyncratic scars like burn marks in a fire. Her "Cosmos" triptych drew from ancient math and the colorways of foreign cities.

At Furnace, the artists she represents often take shape into concern, where even the wildest work on paper can prove to have hidden organization when inspected closely enough. The more shows one attends at Furnace, the more the viewer will begin

to wonder if any fleck of paint can truly be random.

Notable past shows have included work by Power Boothe, Stephen Maine, Hermine Ford, Janis Stemmermann, and Zachary Keeting. Entirely different in their approach, these artist's portfolios are unified by their ability to use shape and texture to transport viewers to new worlds.

On Saturday, June 1, Furnace - Art on Paper Archive will unveil "Buildingdrawing," a collection of work by American artist and writer Sharon L. Butler. A Connecticut native based in New York, Butler's work is featured in the collections of the William Benton Museum of Art, Eastern Connecticut State University, and Southern New Hampshire University. She is known for her much-discussed 2011 essay in *The Brooklyn Rail* titled "Abstract Painting: The New Casualists". Casualism is loosely defined as an art movement that prioritizes experimentation over formal artistic language. Butler wrote: "Like the philosopher-



Furnace - Art on Paper Archive

Work by Sharon L. Butler in the upcoming show "Buildingdrawing."

mathematicians who devised "fuzzy logic," new casualists, like Suprematists, seek to accommodate a world in which there is often no clear truth or falseness. On balance, they are more intrigued by the questions and contradictions in art than by any definitive answers it might provide."

Kucka described the

upcoming show of Butler's work as "playful - even whimsical - in the moment but grounded in serious considerations about life, art, and the future."

For more on *Furnace - Art on Paper Archive* go to www.furnace-artonpaperarchive.com

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The Souterrain Gallery

BY ALEXANDER WILBURN

The Souterrain Gallery, which comes from the French language *sous-terrain* which means “underground passageway,” is fittingly not the easiest art space to find at first glance, located beneath The Wish House in West Cornwall’s town center near the wooden covered lattice truss bridge. But step inside and you won’t soon forget this iconic spot with its signature electric lime-painted walls, a vast departure from the typical gallery white minimalism.

It’s this adherence to the colorful and eclectic that makes Souterrain the perfect gallery to host the next exhibition by Lakeville-native artist Joseph Clarke. Titled “INCIPIENCE,” the show opens on Saturday, May 25, and will run through Tuesday, July 30. Meaning “beginning to exist,” the title of the show may signify the emerging state of the young artist’s career, but he certainly has plenty of forward momentum. An alum of Northwestern Connecticut Community College in Winsted and Hartford Art School’s MFA

program, Clarke’s work has been on display at the Gallery at Founders’ Hall at NWCC, Furnance Art on Paper Archive in Falls Village, Fort Street Studio in New York City’s Flatiron District, Torrington’s Five Points Gallery and commissioned to hang in New York City’s Paramount Club as well as a growing list of commissions for private homes.

There’s no description — or photo — that will do justice to the experience of seeing his three-dimensional abstract paintings in person. They are entirely of his own creation, amorphous and crumpled, a collapsing wreckage that is being reborn.

“With abstract work like this, I’m really working for the moment. I’m not super concerned about what happens at the end, I just love being in there... In that state, the work sort of just makes itself. You’re there, and you’re a tool, but something else is going on that’s allowing creation,” Clarke told Millerton News writer Elias Sorich in a 2023 interview held in his artist’s



Photo by Alexander Wilburn

Joseph Clarke at the opening of his 2023 show at Furnace in Falls Village. His show in Cornwall opens Saturday, May 25.

studio. “Something I learned in school is you should never have both feet in your comfort zone. You’ve always gotta be somewhere uncomfortable and unsure, cause that’s where the action happens. It’s chaos when you’re in

the creative state. It’s not all butterflies and unicorns. It’s nitty-gritty. You come in here and you fight for your life.”

To learn more about The Souterrain Gallery go to www.souterraingallery.net

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An example of Joseph Clarke's 3-D painting style.

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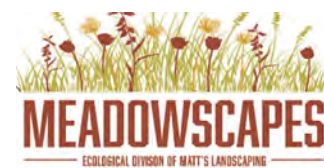
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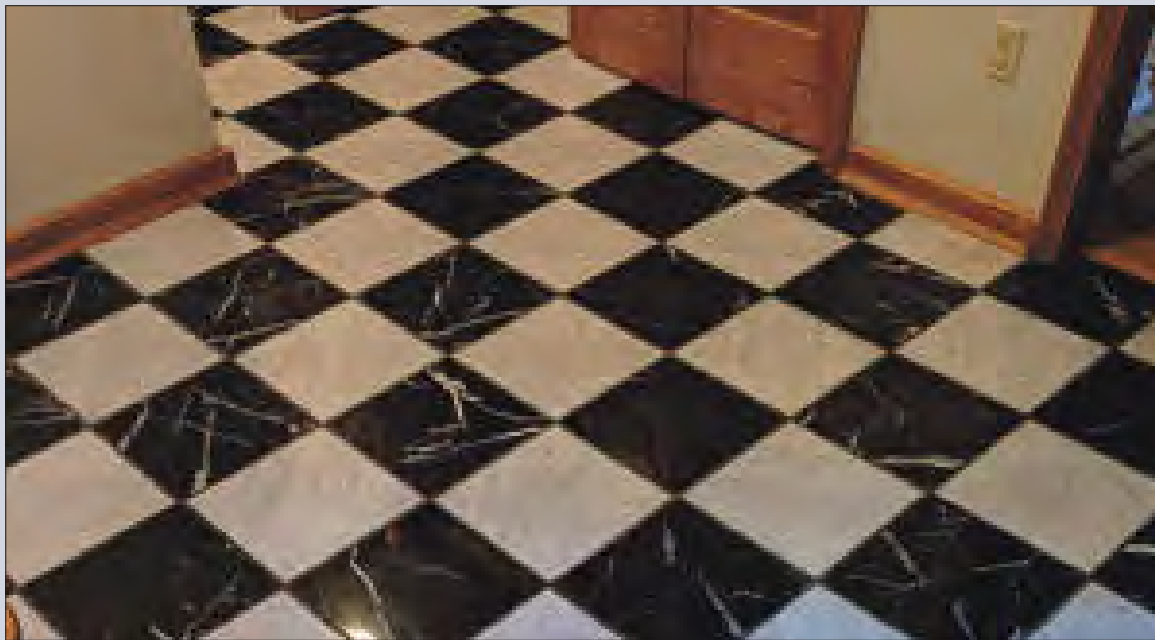
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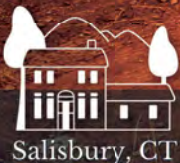


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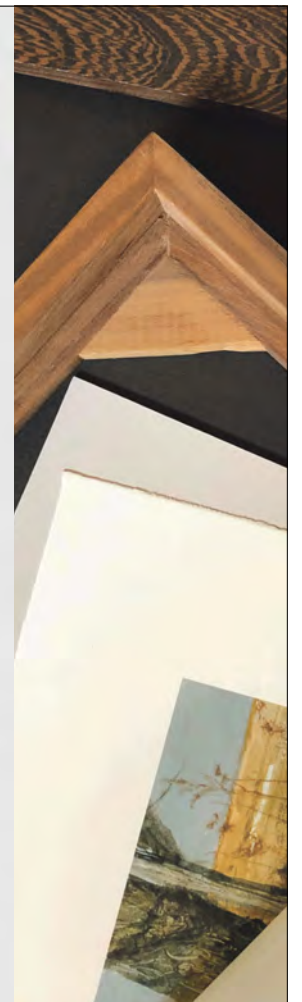
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Carol Corey Fine Art

BY ALEXANDER WILBURN

Previously based in New York, Carol Corey began a new venture in Connecticut during the pandemic, and now her gallery, Carol Corey Fine Art, which features an impressive roster of contemporary artists, is situated at the heart of Kent Barns — a walkable art mecca in Kent. Art experts and explorers can easily hop from one gallery to the next on weekends without leaving their cars, a rarity in Litchfield County. Carol Corey can count Kenise Barns Fine Art and Craven Contemporary as her neighbors, as well as the grand antique shop, RT Facts, and the modernly designed House of Books, which frequently hosts live talks with authors and photographers.

Currently on view at Carol Corey Fine Art is the spring exhibition “A World Between Worlds...” featuring small and large-scale

works by Nathaniel Aric Galka. His supernatural-infused landscapes draw inspiration from fairytales and folk tales, where woodland creatures take on fable-like importance, imbued with intelligent eyes and a mysterious force behind their presence. Magical to say the least, the illumination from the patina offers an escapism and a bit of otherworldly danger to his scenic depictions of foxes, birds, and white-tail deer as they intermingle with tangling vines, overgrown blooms, and wide-winged butterflies and honey bees. His work feels like a combination of William Caxton’s translation of the trickster-animal epic “The History of Reynard the Fox,” with 18th-century Japanese floral woodblock prints. This mix of continents and cultures shapes the whimsical into something both historically-



Photo by Alexander Wilburn

A detail from “To Walk The Future Wooded Dream...” by Nathaniel Aric Galka.

influenced while also standing alone as a modern infusion.

Another notable artist of Carol Corey’s is the hilarious cartoonist that all

readers of The New Yorker will recognize — Roz Chast. The artist and author has frequented Corey’s gallery

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The Art Barn Gallery

BY JENNIFER ALMQUIST

The Art Barn Gallery in Norfolk is a beautifully renovated space within an historic 19th century carriage house and stable, originally part of the 78-acre Ellen Battell Stoeckel Estate donated to Yale University in 1939 for music and art education. An earlier transformation from stable to studio was designed in 1940 by Architect Alfredo Taylor. Recently, funds from The William and Mary Greve Foundation were awarded to the Norfolk Foundation/Norfolk Hub to develop architectural plans providing space for the Yale School of Art and Yale School of Music summer programs. Design firm Li · Saltzman Architects created the new designs, which includes a new 5,000 square foot wing with flexible spaces for art and music, a lecture hall, classrooms, exhibit spaces, and visiting artist studios. The designs incorporate natural materials, sustainability measures, and provides equal access. Yale Norfolk seeks to engage with Norfolk residents through the newly inaugurated Community Art



Photo by Jennifer Almquist

The Art Barn Gallery will hold its Norfolk Artists and Friends 17th Anniversary Group Art Exhibit this summer.

Project and with a broader public to build the audience during the summer.

Summer programs in the space include Yale Norfolk School of Art Summer 2024 Lecture Series: Making Light. Opening lecture May 23. All lectures in the Art Barn at 7 p.m. Other offerings include Community Live Model Drawing Classes on Tuesday evenings at 7 to 9

p.m., Saturday mornings at 10 a.m. to noon. The first session will be Saturday May 25 in the Art Barn.

Open Studios and The Community Art Projects, Reception June 23, from 1 to 6 p.m. The public is invited by the Yale School of Art to “witness the vitality of Yale Norfolk’s studio program.”

Norfolk Artists & Friends, a community of thirty visual artists, 17th

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Art Bar & Cafe

BY ALEXANDER WILBURN

Art Bar & Cafe is a recent venture that adds to the already popular Great Falls Brewing bar located in the renovated Union Station in North Canaan. On the second floor of the station is a decidedly different atmosphere, where paintings take the place of sports games on TV and a separate bar station offers a quiet, lounge area for goers to have a glass of wine at night while they socialize.

As Riley Klein wrote in The Lakeville Journal when Art Bar opened in fall 2023, “Chris Tripler, owner of both the Art Bar & Cafe and Great Falls Brewing, said the inspiration to open a community art gallery arose from the unexpected success of a pop-up gallery at the brewery earlier this year.

“We were amazed by the number of people who showed up,” said Tripler. “It was largely folks that never come to the tap room.”

With so many art lovers in the area, Tripler felt the Community Gallery seemed like a perfect fit for North Canaan. After getting a few tips from a nearby art critic, including the ideal height to hang art in a gallery (the center of the image should be 57 inches from the ground), the gallery at Art Bar & Cafe was born.

Melanie Teardo, manager of the Art Bar & Cafe, said the addition to downtown North Canaan brings “something unique to the area. Definitely nice to have a little bit of nightlife around here.”

Art Bar & Cafe, in addition to its wine offerings, is also the home for The Community Gallery of North Canaan, which supports emerging area artists with a strong focus on themes of Americana, railway transportation — tying in the gallery’s place in the former train depot — and of course local



Photo courtesy of the artist

“Cook St., Torrington” by Merrill French.

communities, in whatever way the artist might interpret.

The 2024 Spring/Summer collection now on view at The Community Gallery features an ideal American landscape in Michele Jeffrey’s acrylic on canvas depiction of a tidy front lawn in “4th of July,” a moody oil-paint view

of two-story homes along Torrington’s Cook Street by Merrill French, and an evocatively distressed American flag titled “Stars and Stripes” by Harold Davis, crafted from painted driftwood.

To learn more about Art Bar & Cafe go to www.greatfallsbrews.com

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for author talks and signings of her books. Her latest, published in 2023 from Bloomsbury, “I Must Be Dreaming,” was a New Yorker Best Book of the Year and a New York Times Book Review Editors’ Choice. Exploring her nocturnal psychology through her usual wit and self-deprecation, Chast takes on the material from the great theorists on dreams, from Freud to Jung to the Ancient Greeks. Not limited to just cartoons on paper, in a recent

exhibition at Carol Corey’s gallery, Chast displayed a large collection of eggs — this is the art of pysanky, Ukrainian dyed eggs, a tradition in Slavic cultures originated in pagan times before painted eggs became associated with Easter and the resurrection of Christ. Chast’s eggs, to no surprise, were depictions of classic New Yorker anxiety — raddled women are par for the course.

To learn more about Carol Corey go to www.carolcoreyfineart.com



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A detail from “The First Time We Met It Was Springtime” by Nathaniel Aric Galka.



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Argazzi Art

BY ALEXANDER WILBURN

Last October, Judith Singelis marked an important milestone, officially crossing the two-decade line since first establishing Argazzi Art on Millerton Road in Lakeville. While other galleries in the town have come and gone, today Argazzi stands as the only rotating exhibition art gallery in Lakeville and Salisbury.

Botanical abstracts by Kathy Moss have been featured in more than one show at Argazzi. Moss, who lives in Beacon, N.Y., and whose work Kathy first discovered when she lived in Sun Valley, Idaho before coming to Lakeville, creates no-frills depictions of plants with earthy backdrops and silhouetted imagery. Moss has had work commissioned in New York City for The Carlyle Hotel, Saks Fifth Avenue, Philip Morris, and even embassies in

the United Arab Emirates and Juarez, Mexico. In an interview with The Lakeville Journal, Singelis called Moss's work "Spare. Bold. Simple. Iconic imagery. I find her work compelling and hypnotic."

Liz Dexheimer, another artist Argazzi has shown, has an equally impressive resume, with work housed in the collections of The Ritz Carlton, The Four Seasons, and JW Marriott Essex House New York on Central Park. Her illuminated abstracts over dark backgrounds are named after stars and constellations, like "Pleiades XII." As The Lakeville Journal explained at the opening of Dexheimer's show, "Pleiades is named after an open star cluster known as The Seven Sisters — daughters of the Oceanid nymph Pleione — these stars are hot, middle-aged



Argazzi Art

"Cascade XVI" by Liz Dexheimer.

and visible to the naked eye. Located in the constellation of Taurus The Bull, the stars were drawn by Galileo, the first astronomer to view The Sisters through a telescope. He published his findings in 1610."

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“Gold Tutu” by French artist Ewa Bathelier is a particular stand out in Argazzi’s collection. From Bathelier’s series of ballet costume-inspired acrylic-on-fabric paintings, the tutu is painted sans dancer, suspended with little animation like a ghostly vision. Bathelier, who regularly shows at Art Basel in Miami, North America’s most extensive — and competitive — international contemporary art fair, has also had work featured at The Venice Biennale, an international cultural exhibition hosted annually in Italy, as well as Armory Week in New York City.

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“Gold Tutu” by Eva Bathelier.

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Theo Coulombe is a gallery owner, a curator, and a talented scenic and urban landscape photographer in his own right. At Standard Space, his gallery on Sharon’s Main Street, he’s exhibited his own photography series, but also championed bold, avant-garde work from emerging artists, giving a platform to the daring and off-beat creators whose portfolios delve into exploration, installation, and even live performance art. Coulombe has even donated Standard Space for use by very young artists — the Region One school district kindergarten-to-grade-eight art show.

Past shows at Standard Space have included far-out spectacle like “Daisy Dew Diamond” by Louise Sheldon, equal parts groovy and ghostly, which The Lakeville Journal described as “art Victor Moscoso’s psychedelic rock posters, part Takashi Murakami’s super flat postmodern.

Eyes, teeth, and glossy lips peak through a dizzying kaleidoscope of wild daisies and butterflies shaken in a souvenir snow globe. In Sheldon’s “Slanque,” look close within the falling florals to find the petal’s disc where a rude face smiles back like Georges Méliès’s man in the moon.”

Opening on Saturday, May 25, will be “Hurricane Becomes a Cloudy Day” featuring work by young painter and installation artist Danielle Klebes, whose immersive series of wooden cut-out paintings spanned an entire floor of The Wassaic Project in the 2023 summer group show “Counting the Seconds Between Lightning and Thunder.” Covering the debut of this expansive and impressive installation, The Lakeville Journal wrote, “Klebes recreates the convivial scene of lounging twenty-somethings in a three-dimensional optical illusion, with painted wooden cut-outs that imbue

Standard Space



Standard Space

A preview of Danielle Klebes’s upcoming exhibition at Standard Space.

the room with a frenzied, live-in sense of clutter. Following the path of pop singers like Lana Del Rey or Ethel Cain, the friction

between East Coast indie sleaze and the iconography of working-class Americana

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melds into a poetic harmony as Klebes' wry humor marries gas station Coors Light with alt-girl summer. Animal skulls and mounted deer heads hang as wall decor next to a vanity license plate that reads "ASSMAN," but look to the bookshelf and you'll find more sensitive book club reading, like Ottessa Moshfegh's "My Year of Rest And Relaxation" and Michelle Zauner's memoir

"Crying in H Mart." Vintage copies of Playboy are stacked next to the dizzying graphics of microbrewery IPA cans."

Whatever Klebes debuts at Standard Space is sure to be colorful and evocative, which is very much in line with the daring work that Coulombe has consistently stood behind since the gallery's opening.

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North Canaan, CT, 860-824-8250,
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31 Kent-Cornwall Rd. Kent, CT,
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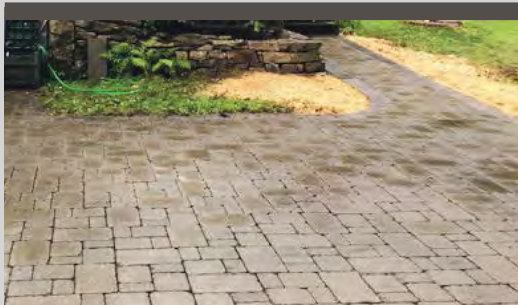
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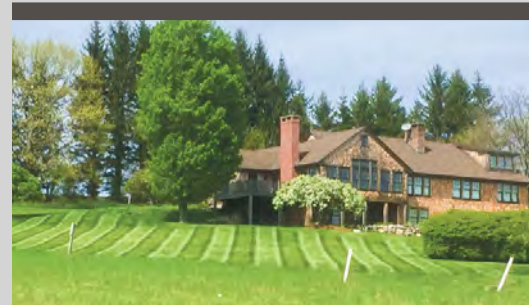
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